

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-10 are now present in this application. Claim 1 is independent. Claims 11-20 are canceled without prejudice to presenting such claims in a continuing application.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. Acknowledgement of the Drawings

The Examiner has acknowledged the drawings filed on April 22, 2004 and has dropped the objection to the drawings that was presented in the previous Office Action, dated December 13, 2004. Under the circumstances, Applicant assumes that the drawings filed originally and on April 22, 2004 are accepted.

II. Allowed Claims

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-10.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 11- 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,604,824 to Chui et al. (“Chui”). Initially, Applicant notes that the body of the rejection also discusses claims 17 and 20, so Applicant will treat this as a rejection of claims 11-20 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,604,824 to Chui. This rejection is respectfully

traversed as moot in view of the cancellation of claims 11-20 without prejudice to presenting those claims in a continuing application.

IV. Additional Cited References

Because the remaining references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

VI. Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46,472, at (703) 205-8076, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

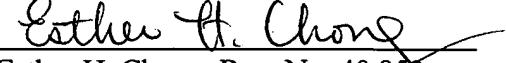
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

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